

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/CA 00/00515

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 18,19,23-25 and 30 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body or to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-6,9-36(partially)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

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Claims Nos.: 1-6,9-36(partially)

Present claims 1 and 29 relate to peptides or isomers thereof lacking any constant structural domain and almost any definition of the constituting amino acid residues (due to the facultative presence of all constituting Xaa's in formula I and the absence of any structural definition in claim 29), which peptides are defined by reference to desirable characteristics or properties, namely that they inhibit amyloidosis and/or are cytoprotective. Due to the facultative presence of all constituting Xaa's in formula I

The claims cover all compounds having these characteristics or properties, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compounds by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds defined in the claims 7 and 8 and their conjugates as defined in claim 9, their compositions and use.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/SA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 8(complete),1-7,9-36(partially)

Compounds having the structure defined in claim 7, SEQ ID NO: 1-20,23 and 24,their compositions and use

2. Claims: 1-7,9-36(partially)

Compounds having the structure defined in claim 7, SEQ ID NO:21 and 22, their compositions and use

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 6 C07K14/47 A61K38/17 G01N33/68

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 C07K A61K G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	TJERNBERG E.A.: "Arrest of β -amyloid fibril formation by a pentapeptide ligand" JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 271, no. 15, 12 April 1996, MD US, pages 8545-8548, XP002050226 see the whole document ---	1-17
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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"P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

"Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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